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C O N F I D E N T I A L SOFIA 2443

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SREF, BU (TODOR IVANOV POPOV ET AL)

SUBJECT: BULGARIAN ENGINEER REQUESTING ASYLUM

REF: STATE 262512

IF POPOV'S REQUEST FOR ASYLUM BECOMES KNOWN TO BULGARIAN  
AUTHORITIES, THEY WILL, TO EXTENT POSSIBLE IN COUNTRY CON-  
CERNED, EXERT PRESSURE FOR HIS RETURN TO BULGARIA. CONSE-  
QUENCES OF SUCH RETURN WOULD PROBABLY BE DISASTROUS FOR  
POPOV AND FAMILY. POPOV MIGHT WELL RECEIVE PRISON SENTENCE;  
AT VERY LEAST HE WOULD SUFFER ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SANCTIONS  
THAT WOULD RUIN HIS CAREER AND CREATE EXTREME HARDSHIPS  
FOR HIM AND HIS FAMILY. EMBASSY HAS HEARD ONE TECHNIQUE USED  
HERE IS TO DENY A PERSON WORK AND RESIDENCE, TO MAKE AN  
EXAMPLE THAT WILL DETER OTHERS. SUCH PEOPLE THEN BECOME  
NON-PERSONS WHOSE VERY EXISTENCE IS THREATENED, BUT WHO  
HAVE NO RECOURSE.  
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